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- 25X1 1. During the period from 10 to 23 April 1954, the former Cavalierie Kaserne in Pasewalk quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, yellow-bordered black epaulets and magenta-colored epaulets. One Colonel von Witzleben (fmu) belonged to the headquarters. At 10:30 a.m. on 19 April, a 85-mm AA battery was detrained at Pasewalk railroad station. Other materiel had been detrained between 9 and 10 a.m.
- 25X1 2. The KVP installations in the Pasewalk area were renumbered, namely installation II, Stallberg, received no 702, installation IV, Droegeheide, no 705, installation VII, Eggesin, no 801, installation X, Altwarp, no 802, installation VIII, Marpin, No 803 and installation IX, Spechtberg, no 804. One installation no 701 was also identified.
- 25X1 3. On 9 April, section I of installation Stallberg seemed to be occupied to capacity. Prime movers and guns were parked in open sheds.
- 25X1 4. Prior to 2 April, an artillery regiment commanded by Major Hermann Gaertner was stationed in Stallberg. A Soviet lieutenant colonel and a major were assigned as advisers. The regiment numbered 1,000 to 1,100 men and was organized into battalions I through IV, with three batteries to each battalion. The regiment was fully armed with 152-mm howitzers and gun howitzers. An AT artillery unit was also quartered in the installation.
- 25X1 5. On 26 April, a KVP unit of about 60 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed in the cantonment opposite installation Altwarp. The unit came from Stallberg. Four 76-mm field guns were seen with the unit. An AAA unit of about 50 men armed with 4 x 82-mm AA guns from Pasewalk was also seen there. The coastal area in the Altwarp area was blocked to fishermen from 21 to 27 April because of firing practices.⁴
- 25X1 6. On several days between 13 April and 2 May, the engineer unit in Camp Fuenfeichen, which was commanded by Captain Tricke (fmu), conducted demolition practices and water exercises. Loading and river-crossing with pontoons was practiced at Tollense Lake.⁵

25X1 1. [] Comment. Colonel von Witzleben is chief of staff of Corps North. The detraining of AAA units on 15 April []

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25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Installation no 701 probably is the Cavalierie Arsenie in Pasewalk. It is possible that the other barracks installations of Corps North also received new numbers.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. Section I of installation Stallberg is carried as quartering the howitzer artillery regiment of Corps North and Section II of the installation as quartering the AT artillery regiment. The howitzer artillery regiment

25X1 consisted of 3 artillery battalions with 3 batteries to each battalion with a total of 36 x 152-mm guns. The IV bn mentioned in the report possibly is the artillery observation battalion which is organized into a flash-ranging section, sound-ranging battery and survey battery. The strength of 1,000 to 1,100 also includes the observation battalion which, [redacted] is tactically subordinate directly to the No Corps North.

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. Elements of the AT artillery regiment of Corps North are believed to have conducted firing with live ammunition at sea targets. Units of the AA regiment of Corps North repeatedly practiced firing in the Altwar area.

25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. According to another source, Captain Fritzler (fnu) is commanding officer of the engineer battalion of Corps North in Fuenfeichen. [redacted]. Captain Fritzler or Fritzlar is said to have come to Fuenfeichen in November 1953 as successor to Fricke (fnu). The engineer battalion of Division Prenzlau which is also quartered there is commanded by Captain Muehle (fnu).

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